

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

RAN SINGH GHUMAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

KIKA SCOTT, *et al.*,<sup>1</sup>

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-00063-JHC

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
May 29, 2025

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to hold these proceedings in abeyance until November 13, 2025, for good cause. Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate his asylum application. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on June 6, 2025. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Defendants substitute Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Kika Scott for Ur M. Jaddou, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem for Alejandro Mayorkas, and United States Attorney General Pamela Bondi for Merrick Garland.

1 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706  
2 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to  
3 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for  
4 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.  
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6 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial  
7 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for July 16, 2025, and  
8 anticipates diligently working toward completing adjudication of Plaintiff’s asylum application  
9 within 120 days of the interview, absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would  
10 require additional time for adjudication. If the adjudication is not completed within that time, the  
11 parties will provide a status report to the Court. If Plaintiff wishes to submit additional evidence  
12 not previously submitted with his asylum application, he will submit it to the asylum office at  
13 least seven to ten days before his interview date. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to submit  
14 documents prior to the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the  
15 adjudication delayed. If needed, Plaintiff will bring an interpreter to the interview; otherwise,  
16 the interview will need to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. Once the application is  
17 adjudicated, Plaintiff will dismiss this case with each party to bear their own litigation costs and  
18 attorneys’ fees. Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct  
19 Plaintiff’s asylum interview and then process his asylum application.

20 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold  
21 the case in abeyance until November 13, 2025. The parties will submit a status update on or  
22 before November 13, 2025.

1 DATED this 29th day of May, 2025.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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11 *I certify that this memorandum contains 392*  
12 *words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.*


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**ORDER**

The case is held in abeyance until November 13, 2025. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before November 13, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 29th day of May, 2025.

  
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JOHN H. CHUN  
United States District Judge